A new illustrated series of five introductory talks on modern art will begin at the Museum of Modern Art, West 53 Street, on Tuesday, January 5 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. A. Chanin, well known gallery lecturer and author, will give lectures and will lead the question and answer period following each talk. His subject for the first talk will be "Turn of the Century, Matisse and Rouault."

On Thursday, January 7 Mr. Chanin will speak on "Picasso: From Student Work to Guernica." On Tuesday, January 12 his topic will be "The Art of Abstraction" and on Thursday, January 14, "Mystery, Fantasy and Surrealism." The final will be given on January 15 on "American Art: From Ashcan to Abstraction."

Tickets, available at the Museum $2 for the series of five talks, or 50¢ for a single admission addition for non-members. The regular Museum admission of 60¢ be charged.